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SUBJECT:WHO; PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON LIBERATION STRUGGLE
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: (A) GENEVA 9854; (B) GENEVA 7641

1. WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA IN ITS PRESENT FORM. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND VOTE IS
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20 AND THERE IS NO CHANCE OF SUBSTANTIAL
REVISION, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATE-
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"WERE THIS RESOLUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD EN-
ABLE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE SPECIAL
REQUIREMENTS CREATED BY THE TRAGIC CONFLICTS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, MY DELEGATION WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT IT. INDEED,
IN A VARIETY OF AREAS, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ATTEMPTED TO IN-
CREASE ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THE

PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS AUTHORIZED A 20 FOLD INCREASE IN THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE HAS DOUBLED THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE NAMIBIA INSTITUTE. HE HAS REQUESTED SIGNIFICANT IN-

CREASES IN THE CONTRIBUTION TO UN VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS LIKE UNDP AND UNICEF, WHICH HAVE MAJOR PROGRAMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE U.S. IS THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, THE UN PROGRAM WHICH IS BEST PLACED TO PROVIDE THE HELP REQUESTED BY THE SPONSORS OF THIS RESOLUTION.

IF MEMBER STATES OF THE WHO WISH TO ASSIST THE AFFLICTED PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, IT IS THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS THAT WE SHOULD RESPOND, AND NOT THROUGH THE KIND OF RESOLUTION WHICH WE FACE TODAY. WE CANNOT JOIN IN A RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINS MAJOR PROVISIONS UNRELATED TO WHO'S COMPETENCE AND WHICH ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT WHO'S CAREFULLY FORMULATED PROGRAMS ON THE BASIS OF AN IMMEDIATE POLITICAL NEED RATHER THAN THE LONG-RUN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

MOREOVER, WE ARE HERE TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAMS. WE ARE NOT HERE TO CONDEMN NATIONS FOR POLITICAL ACTS OR EVEN TO CONDEMN AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST NEIGHBORING STATES. THE UN HAS ADEQUATE FORA FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED TO CONDEMN THE ACTS DENOUNCED IN THIS RESOLUTION. ATTEMPTS TO POLITICIZE WHO RUN COUNTER TO THE BASIC LONG-RUN INTERESTS OF MEMBER STATES WHICH DESIRE AN INTERNATIONAL BODY THAT CONCENTRATES ON GENUINE HEALTH INTERESTS OF CONCERN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, MY DELEGATION MUST ABSTAIN.

2. IF RESOLUTION IS TO BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS YOU SHOULD ASK FOR A VOTE AND ABSTAIN. VANCE

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